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To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: August 20, 2014

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Action Item

From: NORMA ORTEGA
Chief Financial Officer

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Subject: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF CONTRACT AWARD FOR LOCALLY-
ADMINISTERED STIP PROJECTS, PER RESOLUTION G-13-07
WAIVER 14-35**

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends the California Transportation Commission (Commission) approve the request by the city of Arcata (City) to extend the period of contract award for the Arcata Rails with Trails Project, Phase 1 (PPNO 01-0302I) for three months from September 30, 2014 to December 31, 2014.

ISSUE:

On March 20, 2014, the Commission approved Resolution FP-13-45, allocating \$842,000 for construction of the Arcata Rails with Trails Project, Phase 1(Trail). The City is unable to award the contract prior to the award deadline of September 30, 2014, due to an unforeseen delay in Right of Way (R/W) acquisition for properties needed for the project.

BACKGROUND:

The Trail passes through two properties that the City no longer owns. One of the properties was abandoned by the City in 1977 and quitclaimed by the adjacent property owners. Parts of this property are now needed for the project. The second portion of the trail passes through a property currently under the jurisdiction of a Redevelopment Agency, which no longer owns the property. In January 2013, the City learned that the R/W acquisition would be required from the property owners even though it owns utility easements on both of the properties. The City chose to acquire both of these properties instead, and they are in negotiations with the property owners. The City expects to complete the acquisition by August 2014.

Environmental documents and the Plans, Specification and Estimate phase have been completed. The City anticipates advertising the project in early November 2014 and awarding the construction contract in December 2014. Therefore, the City is requesting a three-month time extension to December 31, 2014.

Current STIP Guidelines, Resolution G-13-07, stipulate that the agency implementing a project request a time extension if the project will not be awarded within six months of the allocation. The Commission may approve waivers to the timely use of funds deadline one time only for up to 20 months in accordance with Section 14529.8 of the Government Code.